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Rideshare Driver Sentenced for Raping Passenger

A 39-year old rideshare driver was sentenced today to six years in state prison for sexually assaulting a Los Angeles woman two years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Octavio Alvarez Gomez of Canoga Park pleaded no contest last month to one felony count of rape of an unconscious person.

Deputy District Attorney Ranna Jahanshahi said Gomez also will have to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life as a result of the plea.

On Oct. 2, 2018, Gomez picked up the victim from a bar after she ordered a ride to take her home. Instead of dropping off the victim at the requested location, the defendant instead continued driving some distance at which time he stopped his vehicle in a secluded area and raped the victim, the prosecutors said.

Case LA091245 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department's Van Nuys Sexual Assault Unit.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.